

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team
Meeting Notes
October 8, 2003**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) appreciates the response to the User Survey that was attached to the IWMT notes for the previous meeting. Additional respondents are urged to submit their comments to TuckerD@lac.losalamos.nm.us. Doug's image of the IWMT is that it provides a forum for networking, reducing administrative barriers, and establishing standards. Doug also announced that Craig Martin was hired as the new Open Space Manager for the Los Alamos County.

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced the Santa Fe Zone Board meeting that will be held this Friday.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) reported that an assessment of the fire planning and fuels conditions in upper Frijoles Canyon will be conducted next week by personnel from the regional office. Their results will be presented at a public meeting at the Multi-agency Fire Cache at TA-49. The meeting will be held on Friday, October 17, beginning at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Marla Rodgers at 672-3861 x551. Marla also reported that Darlene Koontz is the new superintendent of Bandelier National Monument.

Leslie Hansen (Ecology Group, LANL) has distributed the draft of the LANL Wildland Fire Management Plan for internal review by LANL and by the DOE Los Alamos Area Office.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) presented the recent reorganization of the Ecology Group. The Group will consist of two teams, the Applied Ecology Team and the Heritage Resources and Environmental Planning Team. Among other duties, the Group will continue to implement NEPA, Historic Preservation, New Project Reviews, Wetlands Protection, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Ecological Risk Reduction. Randy also announced that the most recent Forest Service Disease, Insect and Disease Conditions Report for the Southwestern Region is published and can be obtained from <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/publications/index/shtml>.

Pat Valerio (Ecology Group, LANL) complemented Bandelier NM on their proactive reduction of fuels along Highway 4.

Phil Taylor (Los Alamos County, Emergency Management) announced that FEMA will be visiting Los Alamos next week. Phil noted that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that all communities have a pre-disaster hazard mitigation plan and that FEMA must approve the plan.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 22, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.